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WHAT'S HAPPENING

21st Michigan Worker Death of 2013

The 21st Michigan worker death of 2013 occurred on August 21, 2013. Employers and employees are urged to use extreme care and safety diligence in all work activities.

Summary of incident: On August 19, 2013, at approximately 9:30 am, two employees were using an aerial work platform while painting the exterior of a building. The employees were repositioning the lift while elevated 15 feet when the rear tire fell into a waste-water grate causing the lift to tip over injuring both employees. The deceased, a 34 year old painter, received serious head injuries and later died. The second employee was treated for a broken arm and released.

Last year there were 27 MIOsha-related deaths. 2009 saw the lowest number with 24. View the 2013 Summary of Worker Fatalities [here](#).

If you need help or assistance in ensuring your workplace is safe, MIOsha is here with resources to help. The Consultation Education & Training (CET) Division provides workplace safety and health training and consultations to employers and employees throughout Michigan free of charge. Contact CET today at (800) 866-4674 or submit a request online at www.michigan.gov/cetrca.

LARA News Link Features MIOsha "Take a Stand Day"

Click [here](#) to check out the LARA News Link – a video blog highlighting all the events and happenings of Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. Featured in this edition; MIOsha Take a Stand Day in addition to Corporation Scam Warning and MPSC's Electric Improvements since the 2003 blackout. 200 Michigan employers requested MIOsha visit their workplace for the 2013 annual Take a Stand Day event. It is not too early to plan for 2014! The date is set for August 13, 2014. Mark your calendar 6-8 weeks out with a reminder to contact MIOsha to schedule a Take a Stand Day visit! As a reminder, if you would prefer not to wait for Take a Stand Day, you can contact MIOsha's Consultation Education and Training Division either on the MIOsha website or by calling 517-322-1809 at any time during the year for a voluntary compliance visit.

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Fatality Information

The tragedy of a worker dying on the job is an all too frequent reminder of the importance of our mission to keep workers safe and healthy. When MIOSHA receives notification of a workplace fatality, a series of information exchange begins and the communication among MIOSHA staff, the employer involved, and other state agencies is a key aspect of this process.

MIOSHA partners with other agencies that share our serious interest in worker fatalities. Federal OSHA, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Michigan State University's Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, LARA Management, and the Michigan Attorney General, are all part of a network that utilize this important information.

Although MIOSHA initiates an investigation of program-related fatalities within 24 hours of notification, gathering all the information can be a lengthy process. It is not uncommon for data to come in from multiple sources and require analysis to stitch together a complete picture of the event. Subsequent waves of information are analyzed, processed, communicated, and stored in forms, reports, logs, and databases. While MIOSHA is central to this process, all the Agencies mentioned above have a stake in the outcome, which is working toward preventing work-related fatalities.

New Appeals Information Now Available on the MIOSHA Website

In an effort to educate employers, employees, and their respective representatives about the MIOSHA appeals process, the MIOSHA Appeals Division has recently expanded its information section on the MIOSHA website. The new content includes information about the Board of Health and Safety Compliance and Appeals, including a description of the scope of the Board's authority; a listing of its members; and scheduled meeting dates. In addition, the Appeals Division section of the MIOSHA website has new Fact Sheets to explain some of the most frequently misunderstood aspects of the appeals process:

- Appeals Research Tools
- How to Obtain the MIOSHA Digest or Past Case Rulings
- Prehearing Conference – How to Prepare & What to Expect
- Late Appeals.

These new Appeals Division information resources may be found on the MIOSHA website at www.michigan.gov/miosha under the Compliance page. Other additional fact sheets will also soon be available concerning citation hearings, discrimination hearings, and out-of-state attorney procedures.

MIOSHA staff can now advise employers, employees, and representatives of the availability of these helpful resources. In addition, these fact sheets can be helpful tools for MIOSHA staff wanting to become familiar with how appeals are handled.

MEDIA

August 5, 2013 – [Columbian Logistics Network Receives SHARP Award for Workplace Safety and Health Excellence](#)

All of the MIOSHA Press Releases can be viewed from our [website](#).

VARIANCES


Variances from MIOSHA standards must be made available to the public in accordance with Part 12, Variances (R408.22201 to 408.22251). MIOSHA variances are published on the MIOSHA News website: www.michigan.gov/mioshavariances.

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